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Dear Mike:

Recently you requested information on Portage Bay Creek and Twelvemile Creek. Since we were not able to conduct a ground survey there during this field season, I contacted Ed Jones in Petersburg for any help he could give us.

According to Ed the stream on the left at the head of Portage Bay (Marked "A" on the map) is the main fish stream. There are blocks located at the points "X" on the map. Species present include pink, chum and coho salmon, cutthroat and steelhead trout and Dolly Varden. There is excellent cutthroat fishing below the falls on this system.

The other two streams at the head of Portage Bay are small but do support runs of pink, chum and coho salmon, and Dolly Varden. The general area is also known for its excellent duck hunting.

As for Twelvemile Creek, it has excellent runs of pink, chum and coho salmon up to the block (marked "X"). It also supports runs of Dolly Varden, cutthroat trout, and in addition, steelhead trout are suspected in the system.

Due to the excellent fishing opportunities I would recommend at least 250 foot leaves on both sides of the Portage Bay Creek. In addition, I would also recommend adequate leaves to physically protect the stream banks on Twelvemile Creek. Also, all tributaries to both systems should receive protection during logging operations to prevent bank damage and debris accumulation.

I hope this information helps. Sorry we didn't make the survey, but just didn't learn about it in time.

Regards,

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